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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Gov. Snyder signs bill to keep 0.08% blood alcohol content for drivers

"Republican Gov. Rick Snyder has signed legislation to prevent a scheduled rise in Michigan's blood alcohol content limit for drivers. The legislation signed Thursday will keep the legal limit for drivers' blood alcohol content at 0.08 percent."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Snyder signs bills to halt rise in blood alcohol limit for drivers

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Appeals court upholds law blocking collection of school employee union dues

"A state law that bans school districts from collecting dues on behalf of teacher unions and other public school employees is constitutional, a federal appeals court has ruled. The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-1 opinion released today, overturned a June ruling by U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood in Detroit, who had issued a preliminary injunction against Public Act 53 of 2012."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan law barring collection of school union dues ruled legal

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Federal appeals court: Michigan can ban schools from collecting union dues

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: 6th Circuit upholds law prohibiting school districts from collecting union dues

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Associated Press: Woman accused of faking rape now faces fraud case

"... It was Sara Ylen's second criminal case in just a few days. The 38-year-old Lexington resident also is charged with filing a false report of rape in September. Besides those cases, Ylen was involved in the prosecution of James Grissom, who was convicted of raping her in a parking lot, despite no physical evidence. A judge threw out the conviction after authorities learned she had made up sexual-assault allegations in California, information that wasn't available to the defense at the 2003 trial."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Times Herald/Port Huron: Church stands behind Ylen

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: New hours for the Wayne County Probate Court effective June 1

"Effective June 1, 2013, the Wayne County Probate Court's hours of operation will be 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Third Circuit Court to hold Legislative Day, host representatives (second article)

"Michigan legislators who represent Wayne County have been invited to visit Third Circuit Court and learn more about its operations. The event is being coordinated by Judge Kathleen McCarthy of the Family-Domestic Relations Division."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: NADCP's All Rise America! Highlights success of drug courts during National Drug Court Month

"The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) is proud to announce the 2nd annual All Rise America! National Drug Court Month Roadtrip.... All Rise America! Events for Michigan include: May 21 1:00 p.m.: Cassopolis, MI--Community Event; May 21 4:00 p.m.: Kalamazoo, MI--Graduation & Rally; May 22 10:00 a.m.: Ann Arbor, MI--Rally; and May 22 2:30 p.m.: Detroit, MI--Rally."

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: To domicile or not to domicile: Michigan Court of Appeals says it might be possible for a person to have no legal domicile

"Is it possible for an individual to move around so much that he or she does not have a legal domicile? According to the Michigan Court of Appeals, the answer is maybe. In the recent *Tienda v. Integon National Insurance Co.*, the court looked at the intersection of the no-fault law with passengers injured in the vehicle of an insured migrant worker."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: CABA celebrates the past, looks to the future

"... Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano, who was named to the high court by Gov. Rick Snyder in February, will be the keynote speaker [at the June 6 event]. At the time he was selected, Viviano was serving as chief judge of Macomb County Circuit and Probate Courts."

[Full story](#)

Macomb Daily: Macomb Township to review 41A Court finances again

"For the second time in three years, Macomb Township officials hired an auditing firm to determine if hosting the 41A District Court makes economic sense."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Midland County board denies Daily News' FOIA appeal

"Midland County commissioners on Tuesday denied an appeal of a Michigan Freedom of Information Act request by the Daily News. The FOIA, submitted on March 14 to Administrator/Controller Bridgette Gransden, asked the county for information regarding a summer of 2012 investigation of Chief District Court Judge John H. Hart. Midland County Attorney L. William Smith originally denied the request on April 5 and the Daily News followed with an appeal of that decision."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Two prosecutors tapped for judgeships

"Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed Berrien County Prosecutor Arthur Cotter to the 5th District Court and Eaton County Prosecutor Jeffery Sauter to the 56th Circuit Court. Cotter, of St. Joseph, fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Angela M. Pasula, who was elected to the circuit court.... Sauter, of Charlotte, fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Calvin Osterhaven."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Lansing State Journal: Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Sauter appointed to 56th Circuit Judge post

[Full story](#)

WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Snyder Appoints Eaton Co. Prosecuting Attorney to Circuit Court Judge

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Judge for Gogebic, Ontonagon counties dies at 82

"Judge William Graham Cloon Jr., who served at 98th District Court and 32nd Circuit Court for Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, died May 3 in Marquette at age 82.... He spent two years sitting on the bench for the 98th District Court covering Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, then accepted a judgeship appointment for the 32nd Circuit Court — also covering those counties — where he presided for six years before retiring in 1990."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: The invisible sentence? Michigan bill would allow more convicts to expunge criminal records

"... House Bill 4186, introduced with bipartisan co-sponsors by state Rep. Stacy Erwin Oakes, D-Saginaw, would expand the opportunity for individuals to expunge a criminal conviction, making the record non-public but still available to judges and law enforcement authorities. She introduced similar legislation last session that stalled in the House."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Friend of the Court panel to meet May 13

"The Oakland County Friend of the Court (FOC) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), established by Friend of the Court Act 294, 1982 Section 552.504, will meet on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the Oakland County Board of Commissioner's Auditorium, Pernick Conference Room, 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac."

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Oakland County Legal News: Residential renting explored

"... Municipal Law Committee Chair Hans Rentrop of Adkison, Need, & Allen PLLC was on hand to welcome speakers Oakland County 45A District Court Judge Jamie Wittenberg; Barry Malone of Adkison, Need, & Allen PLLC; and Rachel Tucker of Joelson Rosenberg PLC."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Ex-Meijer attorney's case moves forward

"A lawyer accused of lying under oath about Meijer's illegal political activities in Acme Township lost his bid for dismissal of state regulators' complaint against him. The Michigan Attorney Discipline Board denied a motion for dismissal from Timothy Stoecker, of Grand Rapids. The May 6 ruling means Stoecker is now a step closer to a formal hearing that feasibly could cost him his law license."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ: 36th District Court: Pay up or go to jail

"The 36th District is making it clear they've had enough. If you owe them money they want to see you in court or have you pay your fines, soon. "There is a culture that exists in this community and even among some of our past judges that when you come to 36th District Court you don't have to come with any money," said Chief Judge Kenneth J. King."

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